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### **LDEQ recognized at Keep Louisiana Beautiful Awards Banquet in Baton Rouge**

**BATON ROUGE** – Keep Louisiana Beautiful held its awards banquet at the Hilton Baton Rouge Capitol Center Heidelberg Ballroom Sept. 28.

Seven “Everyday Hero” Awards were presented by Lt. Gov. Billy Nungesser. The awards were Most Innovative Program, Youth Leadership, Outstanding Affiliate, Corporate Leadership, the Golden Can Award, Law Enforcement and the Alice Foster Award to an individual volunteer for exceptional leadership.

The “Everyday Hero” award for Law Enforcement – which related to enforcement of state, parish and city litter and illegal dumping laws – was presented to Maureen Kennedy, criminal investigator with LDEQ’s Criminal Investigation Section (CIS).

Kennedy, who has been with LDEQ since 2002, is currently a senior member of the Louisiana Environmental Crimes Task Force and works with the EPA’s Criminal Investigation Division. Kennedy has conducted multiple state and federal investigations related to the Clean Air Act, the Clean Water Act, and the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act. She also investigates violations of state statutes concerning solid waste, underground storage tanks and waste tires.

Kennedy’s performance has proven beneficial to the Department’s mission and strengthened bonds with LDEQ’s federal partners. She is an asset to LDEQ CIS, EPA CID, and the state of Louisiana. Her efforts, along with the work of the LDEQ CIS staff serves as a significant deterrent for illegal dumping and other environmental crimes in the state.